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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: FIRST JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING

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REF: A. MOSCOW 0043; B. STATE 249442; C. MOSCOW 16059

1. SCIOFF MET WITH SHVARTZ AND MOROZOV OF SCST JANUARY 3
TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF REF B. SCST AGAIN STRESSED URGENT
NEED FOR US SIDE'S SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR
VISIT (REF C), POINTING OUT THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO
ACCOMMODATE US GROUP'S INTERESTS REGARDING VISITS TO
MINISTRIES, ETC., IF US VIEWS NOT PROVIDED PROMPTLY.

2. SOVIET SIDE STILL PREFERS TO COMPLETE MOST, IF NOT ALL,
OF JOINT COMMITTEE'S WORK DURING FIRST DAY'S MEETING. SCIOFF
NOTED THAT US WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN WISHED TO HAVE
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS
FOLLOWING OPENING OF THE PLENARY SESSION, JANUARY 14 IN ORDER
TO DEVELOP CONCRETE PLANS FOR COOPERATION UNDER THE AGREED
COOPERATIVE AREAS.

3. SHVARTZ THEN SUGGESTED FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR FIRST DAY
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10:00 MEETING OF CO-CHAIRMEN;

10:30 FORMAL OPENING OF PLENARY SESSION FOLLOWED BY REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN OF BOTH SIDES ON THE PRESENT STAGE OF COOPERATION IN THEIR SPECIFIC FIELDS. (EACH SPEAKER WOULD HAVE APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES.);

12:00 WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN COULD MEET SEPARATELY FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS;

LUNCH;

CONTINUATION OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, IF NECESSARY;

15:00 RE-CONVENING OF FULL PLENARY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE PROGRAMS FOR COOPERATION.

4. IF NECESSARY, THE WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN COULD CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE SECOND DAY TO ELABORATE THE APPROVED COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.

5. SOVIET SIDE NEEDS TO KNOW THE NAMES OF THE US SPECIALISTS WHO WISH TO VISIT THE PATON INSTITUTE IN KIEV.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE US GROUP'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING PROGRAM TO BE FOLLOWED, INCLUDING AGENDA FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AT SAME TIME IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO RECEIVE US DRAFT RECORD OF DISCUSSION.SOMMERLATTE

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